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## Read This Before Sending Your Order

**TERMS**—Payment invariably, cash in advance. Remit by Money Order, Registered Letter or Draft.

**HOW TO ORDER**—Send us your order as soon as convenient, then we shall reserve the stock for you and ship when wanted. Be sure to write your name and address plainly, and state how goods are to be shipped; whether by Parcel Post, or Express and state plainly to what point you want them sent.

**AT PURCHASER'S RISK.** The ownership of all goods sold by us pass to the purchaser on delivery by us to the carrier, and the issuing of a receipt by the carrier ends our responsibility. Any claims for damage should be made promptly to the agent at the point of delivery.

**PACKING.** We make no charge for packing and delivering to station at prices in this catalogue.

**CLAIMS,** if any, must be made on receipt of goods, and if just, will be made satisfactory. We send out only good stock in good condition, carefully packed in all cases, but success or failure depends in so large a degree upon the care and management after received that we do not, because we cannot, undertake to guarantee stock to live.

**SUBSTITUTION.** Late in the season we usually run short of some varieties listed herein; therefore when you order late, please state on order sheet if you do not want us to substitute should we be sold out of the variety you order. If we substitute will give you a variety as near like the variety you ordered as possible.

**INSPECTION.** A Certification of Inspection from our State Entomologist and State Pathologist will be attached to each and every shipment of stock.

**SPECIAL PRICES.** We quote very attractive prices on large orders. Send us your want list for quotations.

**WHEN YOU RECEIVE TWO CATALOGS,** please hand one to your neighbor.

**WHEN WRITING.** Please sign your name plainly.

## We Strive to Avoid Mistakes

But in the event that any stock sold by us should prove untrue to name under which it is sold, we hereby agree, on proper proof of such untruthfulness to name, to replace the original order or to refund the purchase price. Except for such liability, and in respect to all nursery stock sold by us, we give no warranty, express or implied, as to description, quality, growth, productiveness, or any other matter.

Be sure to give your post-office, county and state.

**ALL ORDERS** are acknowledged on receipt of same.

## Parcel Post

### READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ORDERING.

We strongly recommend that Strawberry and vegetable plants, be ordered shipped by parcel post; extra-large shipments by express. If by parcel post we will send that way and you can pay postage at your office, as it is hard to figure just what the postage will be and we find this way is the only way to get at the rates and be just to ourselves and customers. Have your orders shipped by parcel post C. O. D. for the postage.

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# STRAWBERRY PLANTS

## CAMPBELL'S EARLY

The Best Early Berry on the Market.

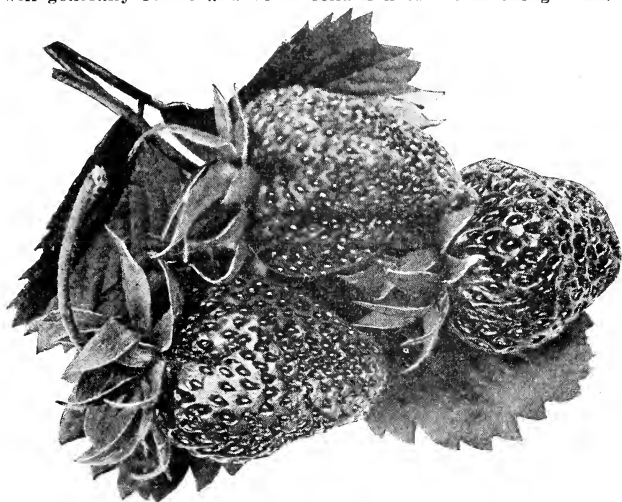
**CAMPBELL'S EARLY.**—This is a new extra early variety of great promise. In New Jersey where it originated the growers are very enthusiastic over it. One leading grower says: Campbell's Early comes in ahead of them all, growing from such large, healthy plants with a light green, waxy, upright foliage protecting the great crop of large beautiful, rich red berries. They have a beautiful green calyx and come second to none in flavor. One of the most wonderful features of the Campbell's Early is that practically all grow to full size and no knotty, ill-shaped berries; they ripen perfectly all over with no green ends. They are fine, vigorous growers, have perfect blossoms, and will retain their firmness in carrying to distant markets.

The plants bear a profusion of nice-sized, sweet berries which hold up better than any early berry we have tried—and we have tried them all. It is in good condition to eat as soon as any of the early varieties, and earlier than some. Campbell's Early is a money-maker to the shipper and you cannot go wrong if you put out a large patch of them for market. Give them a trial.

Price: 75 cents per 100, \$5.00 per 1000. 500 at 1000 rate.

#### HOW TO TREAT PLANTS ON ARRIVAL.

When plants arrive in a wilted condition, unpack them **at once** and put the roots in a bucket of cool water for an hour. They will generally revive and be in condition to set in the ground.



### THE CHESAPEAKE STRAWBERRY

**THE CHESAPEAKE.**—Undoubtedly the most popular berry grown today and deservedly so. We have never seen more perfect berries; the berries are extra large and hold up well to the last picking; very firm, and we do not know of a better shipper; carrying to the distant markets in perfect condition; flavor unexcelled; a heavy cropper and makes just enough plants for a good fruiting bed, the plants are large and healthy. If we had to confine ourselves to just one variety of strawberries as a profit-maker we would unhesitatingly choose Chesapeake. The price of Chesapeake plants will never be so low as most other varieties on account of it making just enough plants for a good fruiting bed and it pays growers much more profit to pick the berries than it does to sell the plants.

Price: \$1.00 per 100, \$6.00 per 1000.

### JOE JOHNSON

**A Wonderful Money Maker.**

**JOE JOHNSON (Big Joe).**—Another fine medium to late berry which is of large size and a good shipper, carrying as well as the Chesapeake. It is a fine table berry, and we class it as one of the best medium-late sorts.

The plants of this variety are exceedingly vigorous and make fine fruiting rows. The foliage is healthy and attractive. The berries are produced in great abundance, one of the most productive varieties in cultivation. The berries are very large, regular in shape, glossy, attractive and very firm, making it a good variety for market. It has been tested by large growers who speak highly of it as a valuable variety for market. It commands the highest prices among the buyers who ship to the large city markets. It holds the market until the Gandy and Chesapeake ripen and outsells all others. We had a fine crop of them the past season.

Price: 75 cents per 100, \$5.00 per 1000.

### TENNESSEE PROLIFIC

**EARLY MID-SEASON**

**TENNESSEE PROLIFIC.**—Has been on the market for thirty years and is still in as great demand as ever. The berries are large and rather light in color, with fine-grained flesh that is firm enough to make it a good shipper. The blossoms are perfect, making it one of the best varieties to plant with the early or midseason, imperfect sorts. In every large berry-patch you will find Tennessee Prolific.

Its great size and productiveness, thrifty growth and delicious flavor make it one of the most valuable berries ever grown for business purposes. Many extensive growers say that it produces even larger crops the second year than it does the first. It is also noted as an extremely valuable variety for poor soils and for fruiting continuously.

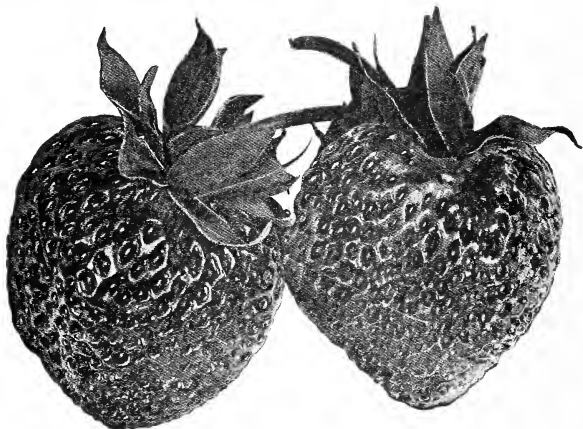
Price: 75 cents per 100, \$4.00 per 1000.

## THE MASCOT

Sure to Grow and Bear

**MASCOT.**—A good late variety which makes a strong healthy growth and is very productive. This variety is most satisfactory on rich heavy soil with clay in its makeup. The plants are healthy and vigorous, having large white flesh like asparagus roots. The berries are large in size, glossy, light red in color and very attractive, being almost every one of them, even and regular in size and shape as if turned out in a lathe. The flavor is fine. We have sold this variety for many years and it is very popular with people who know it for home use or near market.

Price: 75 cents per 100, \$5.00 per 1000.



## THE SUCCESS—Second Early

Second Early.

**SUCCESS.**—One of the finest early varieties for the home garden. Berries round or slightly elongated, bright scarlet or flame color, quite large and very uniform in size, color and shape. Plants are vigorous, healthy and prolific. Though the berries are not firm enough to endure long shipment, it is one of the most profitable strawberries for local market and very desirable for the home garden.

This is a good all-around old variety, and particularly so for the man who grows for canneries and the like. It is not so good a shipper as some of the others, but is fine for home market. It makes a fine bed of plants, with perfect blossoms, and produces a profusion of berries which always meet a ready market sale. Put in plenty of Success.

Price: 75 cents per 100, \$5.00 per 1000.

OUR PLANTS ARE FRESH DUG AND SHIPPED TO YOU

## GANDY

This grand old late berry that always brings the top of the market, always in demand. Perfect blossom. The best old late berry for the family; if you only want a few for family use, get some of the Gandy for your late ones and Success or Campbell's Early for early.

Price: 75 cents per 100, \$5.00 per 1000.

## THE PROGRESSIVE

Most Famous of all Everbearing Varieties.

**PROGRESSIVE.**—Everbearing. One of the best everbearing sorts. If all blossoms are removed until about July 15, the plants will bear an abundance of fruit from August until freezing weather. The berries are of medium size and delicious in quality. We can furnish these in 100 lots only.

Price: \$2.00 per 100.

ALL BERRY PLANTS OVER 500 AT 1000 RATES.

## LYPTON

**LYPTON.**—This grand old berry that so many are making a big noise about, we have given it a good trial and find it is one of the best for market, home garden, and a money maker; good to eat right off the vines. A good shipper and gives you a fine lot of good berries.

Price: 75 cents per 100, \$5.00 per 1000.

## BLACKBERRY PLANTS

Two of the best blackberries on the market today for the farm and home are the two we have listed. We have tried them out and know that any one that gets them will be pleased with them. Everybody wants a few Blackberry bushes in the home garden, and we offer the best two varieties—**Eldorado** and **Lovett**, both are good, we have tried them out for eight years and have found nothing in our trial growers to beat them.

Price: \$1.50 per 100.

## BEET PLANTS

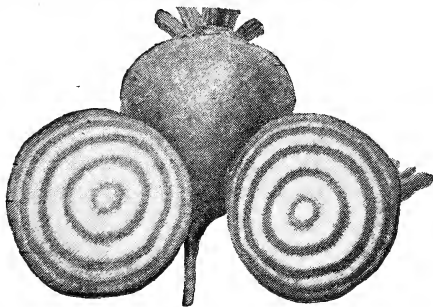
Ready for Shipment by April 15th. Greenhouse Grown.

**EXTRA EARLY EGYPTIAN.**—A good flat variety, the very earliest.

**EARLY BLOOD TURNIP.**—Blood-red, fine flavor, the next early beet.

**DETROIT DARK RED TURNIP.**—Round; skin dark red, flesh bright red, an extra good beet.

Every plant **HOTHOUSE-GROWN**, by parcel post. Price: 25 cents per 25, 40 cents per 50, 75 cents per 100.



Detroit Dark Red Beets.

## CABBAGE PLANTS

### Early Varieties

Ready April 20th

**EARLY JERSEY WAKEFIELD.**—Cabbage of very solid heads, pyramidal shape.

**LARGE CHARLESTON.**—Very large, solid heads.

**EARLY FLAT DUTCH.**—Well known, flat headed.

**EARLY SUMMER.**—Produces large, solid heads of finest flavor. Second early.

Price: 50 cents per 100, \$3.00 per 1000.

### Late Varieties

**COPENHAGEN MARKET.**—A well known variety.

**LATE FLAT DUTCH.**—Flat headed.

**WINNIGSTADT, ONE OF THE VERY BEST KINDS.**

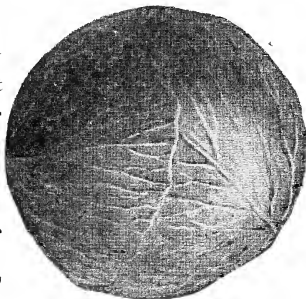
**SUREHEAD.**—A sure-heading variety that is in great demand

**DANISH BALL HEAD**—A very round, solid winter sort and a fine shipper.

**DRUMHEAD.**—A good late variety.

Ready for shipment May 15th

Price: 50 cents per 100, \$2.00 per 1000.



Danish Ball Head

## ASPARAGUS ROOTS

We have about a hundred thousand of these roots. The finest one year old we have ever had to offer. Sold thousands of them before writing this new catalogue.

**GIANT ARGENTENIL** and **PALMETTO.**

Price: 75 cents per 100, \$6.00 per 1000.

## PEPPER PLANTS



Ruby King Pepper

We have always specialized on **RUBY KING PEPPER PLANTS** and assure our patrons that it is one of the very best for home and market garden purposes.

**RUBY KING** is an improved American variety often four to six inches in length and quite symmetrical in shape. It is very bright colored and the flesh is very sweet and mild flavored.

Price: 75 cents per 100, post-paid; \$1.00 per 1000, express. Ready for shipment by May 15th.

If you want plants or seed by mail, order that way, we will send that way and you pay the postage at your end.

## TOMATO PLANTS

### EARLIANA

We will have forty thousand of these Early Plants. We start them in our greenhouse and transplant them in cold frames so that we can give them to you good and hard well rooted. Lots of them will be in bloom when you receive them. We will say get your order in early for these plants. These plants are from our special selected stock seed of Earliana.

Price: \$2.00 per 100, \$12.00 per 1000.



## TOMATO PLANTS FOR LATE CROP

We are the largest growers of Tomato Plants in Delaware, planting over 400 pounds of that seed alone. Some days we load a carload or more for one man, and day after day, starting June 1, we pack two to three hundred thousand plants. We can furnish New Stone, Matchless, and Red Rock, all grown from our carefully selected seed on our own seed-farm, and harvested by our men, so we know exactly what we are selling.

Do not wait until you are ready to set out your plants and then order them from us by mail or phone. Order early and be sure of them. We pack our plants in light crates and never had them carry better than they did this year.

Price: 35 cents per 100, \$1.50 per 1000.

## CELERY PLANTS

**GOLDEN SELF-BLANCHING.**—The best early.

**WHITE PLUME.**—The next early.

**WINTER QUEEN.**—A good late sort.

**GIANT PASCAL.**—The best late variety.

All ready for shipment by JUNE 20th.

You can always depend on receiving large stocky plants from us, for we will have a good supply of them this spring.

Price: 50 cents per 100, \$2.00 per 1000. Extra Selected Transplanted Plants: \$1.00 per 100, \$4.00 per 1000.



CALEB BOGGS & SON, CHESWOLD, DEL.

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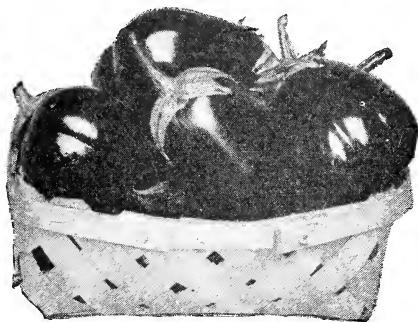
## CAULIFLOWER PLANTS

Ready for shipment MAY 20th. We are offering what we believe to be the two best varieties on the market.

**EARLY SNOWBALL** and **AUTUMN GIANT**.

Price: \$1.00 per 100, \$4.00 per 1000.

## EGGPLANT



Fine large strong transplanted plants.

**BLACK BEAUTY.**

Price: 50 cents per dozen, \$3.00 per 100.

Order your seed and plants by parcel post if you wish. We will pack as light as we can and ship that way and you can pay the postage at your postoffice.

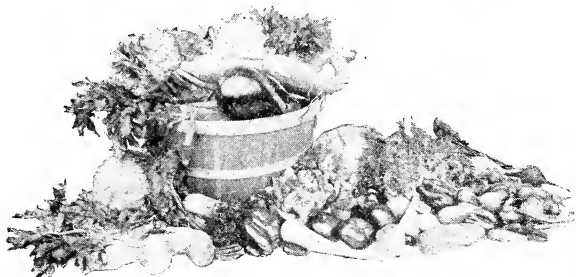
## SWEET POTATO PLANTS

**GOLD SKIN, YELLOW NANSEMOND** and **YELLOW JERSEY.**

Price: 30 cents per 100, \$2.25 per 1,000.

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## OUR GARDEN SEED



Our Garden Seed are for those who want good stock carefully selected, good and high germination; seed that will grow. So many are fooled year after year with bad seed, do not get fooled this time, pay maybe a little more and get some of the best stock that can be had. We will not write several pages about our Garden Seed, but just give you the price and let the seed speak for themselves. Most of our seed is harvested by us and we know just what we are sending out.

**ASPARAGUS.**—Palmetto, Giant Argenteuil.

Packet 10 cts.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 50 cts., 1 lb. 75 cts.

**BEEETS.**—Early Blood Turnip, Detroit Dark Red, Early Eclipse, Extra Early Egyptian.

Packet 10 cts.,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 50 cts., 1 lb. 80 cts.

**STRING BEANS.**—Improved Rust-Proof Golden Wax, Burpee's Stringless Green Pod, Long Fellow Six Weeks, Extra Early Valentine.

Packet 10 cts., 1 lb. 30 cts.

**BUSH LIMA BEANS.**—Fordhook Bush Lima, Burpee's Improved Bush Lima.

Packet 10 cts., 1 lb. 40 cts.

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**POLE LIMA BEANS.**—King of the Garden, Dreer's Improved Lima.

Packet 10 cts., 1 lb. 35 cts.

**CABBAGE SEED.**—Early Jersey Wakefield, Large Charleston, Early Summer, Early Flat Dutch, Late Dutch, Surehead, Danish Ballhead.

Packet 10 cts., ½ lb. \$1.25, 1 lb. \$2.25.

**CAULIFLOWER.**—Extra Early Snowball, Vetches Autumn Giant.

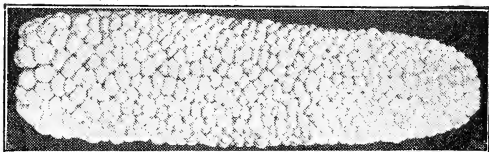
Packet 10 cts., ¼ lb. \$4.00.

**CARROT.**—Long Orange Imp.

Packet 10 cts., ½ lb. 50 cts., 1 lb. 75 cts.

**CUCUMBER.**—Long Green Imp., Boston Pickling, Extra Early White Spine.

Packet 10 cts., ½ lb. 50 cts., 1 lb. 85 cts.



**CORN.**—Howling Mob, Early Mammoth, Country Gentleman, Stowell's Evergreen.

Packet 10 cts., 1 lb. 35 cts.

**EGGPLANT.**—Black Beauty, New York Imp.

Packet 10 cts., ¼ lb. \$1.25, ½ lb. \$2.00, 1 lb. \$3.75.

**POP CORN.**—Golden Queen.

Packet 10 cts., ½ lb. 20 cts., 1 lb. 30 cts.

**LETTUCE.**—Grand Rapids, Simpson Early Curled, Big Boston, May King.

Packet 10 cts., ½ lb. 75 cts., 1 lb. \$1.25.

**KALE.**—Dwarf Green Curled Scotch.

Packet 10 cts., ½ lb. 50 cts., 1 lb. 90 cts.



**MUSKMELON CANTALOUPE.**—Rocky Ford, Netted Rock, Hackensack.

Packet 10 cts., ½ lb. \$1.25, 1 lb. \$2.00.

**ONION.**—Prizetaker, White Portugal, Yellow Globe.

Packet 10 cts., ¼ lb. \$1.00, ½ lb. \$1.50, 1 lb. \$2.25.

**ONION SETS.**

1 qt. 30 cts., 4 qts. \$1.00.

**PARSLEY.**—Extra Double Curled.

Packet 10 cts., ¼ lb. 40 cts., ½ lb. 60 cts., 1 lb. \$1.00.

**PEAS.**—Little Gem, Alaska, Gradus, American Wonder.

Packet 10 cts., 1 lb. 30 cts.

**PEPPER.**—Ruby King.

Packet 10 cts., ½ lb. \$1.50, 1 lb. \$2.50.

**PARSNIP.**—Hollow Crown or Sugar.

Packet 10 cts., ¼ lb. 50 cts., 1 lb. \$1.00.

**NASTURTIUMS.**—Tall, Dwarf, Special Mixed.

Packet 10 cts., ¼ lb. 30 cts., 1 lb. \$1.00.

**TURNIP.**—Yellow Globe.

Packet 10 cts., ½ lb. 50 cts., 1 lb. 90 cts.

**PUMPKINS.**—Green Stripe Cashaw, Connecticut Field.

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**TENNESSEE SWEET POTATO.**—Japanese Pie.

Packet 10 cts., ¼ lb. 40 cts., 1 lb. \$1.25.

**RADISH.**—White Turnip, Early French Breakfast, Early Scarlet Turnip.

Packet 10 cts., ¼ lb. 35 cts., 1 lb. 80 cts.

**SQUASH.**—Golden Hubbard, Boston Marrow.

Packet 10 cts., ¼ lb. 40 cts., 1 lb. \$1.25.

**WATERMELON.**—Mountain Sweet, Florida Favorite, Georgia Rattlesnake, Tom Watson, Long Dixie, Kolb Gem.

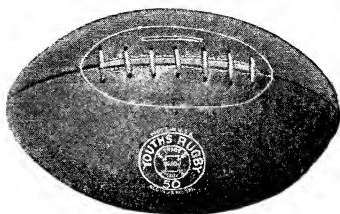
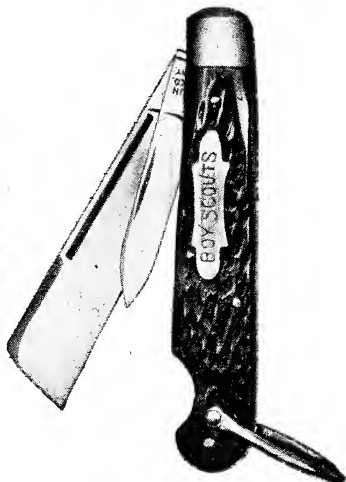
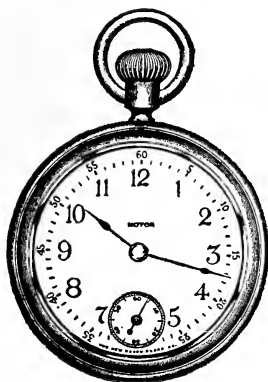
Packet 10 cts., ¼ lb. 30 cts., ½ lb. 50 cts., 1 lb. 90 cts.

**TOMATOES.**—New Stone, Red Rock, Paragon, Matchless, Perfection, Favorite, Greater Baltimore.

Packet 10 cts., ¼ lb. 60 cts., ½ lb. \$1.10, 1 lb. \$2.00.

We wish to say that most all seed we offer are grown and harvested by ourselves, and we know when we send seed out that customers are going to be pleased. Our prices in this price list are as low as any one can put them for good first-class seed.

## FOR THE BOYS



Any boy that sells 40 packets of our high grade Garden Seed to his friends and neighbors at 10 cents each, we will give him free this Dandy Boy-proof watch that can stand the knocks it gets from a boy. We have had boys to sell our 40 packets of tested seed in one-half hour after receiving them.

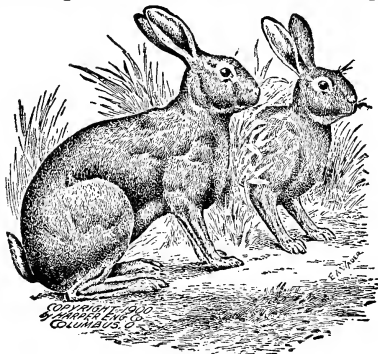
Boys we will put up full packets so you can sell them easy. This watch is a stem setter and stem winder, and guaranteed for one year. Everybody that has a little garden wants a few packets of good garden seed.

Take your choice—Watch or Football, genuine leather Ruby, sells anywhere for \$2.50.

Sell 20 packets and get the Boy Scout Knife, a knife that will last for years and will always cut.

## BELGIAN HARES

Information for beginners and all those breeding for profit.



### FOR PLEASURE.

I know of no animal or pet stock from which one can derive more pleasure than Belgian Hares. They make excellent pets and their wants are so simple and they require so little attention that it is a pleasure for anyone to raise them. For persons having sedentary employment it is certainly just the thing, as it

takes their minds off their regular work and gives them fresh air and exercise when giving the hares their breakfast and supper. And as they can eat in the dark, those who do not have time to attend to chickens can raise hares, and not only receive a lot of pleasure from them, but have a nice, young hare for dinner when they wish it and make some money on the side.

### HOW THEY MULTIPLY.

There is no domestic animal that will increase so rapidly as the Belgian Hare. They will breed as young as six months, and some claim younger, but I never breed them until about eight months old. A doe will have her young in thirty days from the time she is bred and will produce from five to six litters per year. (But I never bred them more than four times per year). They will have from five to thirteen in a litter. Eight to the litter is a good, safe average. Now let us figure a little. Say you breed your doe four times a year. With an average of eight to the litter she will produce by the end of the year 32 young. Now assuming that one-half of each litter are does, which is generally the case, your does of the first litter will produce young twice before the end of the year, making sixty-four young, which added to those produced by the old doe makes ninety-six. But this is not all; your four does of the second litter produced by your original does will be old enough to have one litter before the end of the year, making 32 more to be added to the 96, which makes a total of 127 from one doe in one year.

### THE BEST WAY TO START.

When starting in the Belgian business it pays to start with the best stock you can find. Do not make the mistake of buying culls just because they are cheap, for they are dear at any price. Remember that it costs no more to raise good stock than stock of inferior quality and the result is far more satisfactory no matter if you are raising them for the table or to sell for breeders. The only difference is in the price paid for the foundation stock. You would not expect to get as good a horse for \$50.00 as for \$100. If you start with culls you will invariably raise culls. Do not expect to get a good Belgian Hare for \$1.00, but go to a good, reliable breeder and pay him \$4.00 to \$5.00 for a good doe that has been bred, and if he has two separate strains purchase a good buck from him that is not related to the doe or her prospective young. If you purchase cheap, inferior stock your money will only be wasted, as you will either dispose of them and buy good stock in the end, which makes the road to success much longer, or you will get disgusted and quit. Your friends and neighbors may laugh and think you are a "crank" for paying such prices for stock, but remember, "He laughs best who laughs last," and your laugh will come about the time when they see you have the very best, and one wants to get some of your stock "cheap" just because he happens to be your friend or neighbor. This is when you can get even by making him pay a good, fair living price. If he buys cheap stock you will still have the laugh on him, for you will find that people who want good stock will pass him by and go where they can get the best. Remember the old saying, and a good one, too, "The best is none too good" and "Cheap, inferior stock is the dearest in the end."

### HOUSING YOUR HARES.

In housing your hares the principal thing is dryness and freedom from draughts. Therefore the building should have a good roof and no holes or cracks for the wind to blow through. An open front is all right in the summer and in the winter in a mild climate, providing the other three sides are tight. But in the North the building should be closed all around in the winter. Each breeding doe should have a separate hutch at least 3 x 5 feet and 2 feet high or larger, and provided with a nest box about 24 x 18 inches and 12 or 18 inches high, with a hinged lid and a 6-inch hole cut in the end for the doe to enter. The hutches can be arranged in tiers, one tier above the other, two or three tiers high. The doors and apartments can be made from poultry netting. One inch mesh should be used, as the young will go through 2-inch mesh. Either the building or the hutches should be made rat proof, as rats will kill young hares. Those who have room can have outdoor runs for them, but this is not necessary, as they will do equally well inside.

### FEEDING.

Hares will eat anything in grain or green food. They should be fed regularly and with judgment. Give a small handful of corn, oats, wheat or barley in the morning. In the evening give a small bunch of hay (clover if it can be had). A small amount of green food is also good, and must be fed with care. This applies to young stock especially. Keep water before them at all times. They also relish stale bread. Keep a piece of rock

# **Boys Take Your Choice**

Our Garden Seed are all tested seed and here is what we give with a 40 packet order of our seed at 10 cents a packet:



**FOOT BALL—**

**FLASH LIGHT—**

**WATCH—**

**AIR RIFLE—**

**A DANDY LUNCH KIT  
With Thermos Bottle**



With a \$2.00 Seed Packet order of 20 packets we give a

**BOY SCOUT KNIFE**

With an \$8.00 Seed Order of 80 packets we give a pair of pure bred Rufus Red

**BELGIAN HARES**

Order any kind of Garden Seed we have listed in this catalogue at 10 cents a packet and pick out your premium.

Our Garden Seed are all put up by Delaware Seed Co. of which E. J. Boggs is president and general manager.



salt in their hutches. A piece of apple bough or sumach is also relished. When the young begin to come out of the nest place a saucer of chops (ground corn and oats) in their hutch until they are able to eat whole grain.

#### BELGIAN HARES AS AN ADJUNCT TO POULTRY.

"A small stud of Belgian Hares, carefully chosen and properly managed, will materially assist in increasing the poultryman's income and at the same time afford much pleasure and furnish the best of meat for the table," writes J. Henri Wagner, 1909 North Capitol, Washington, D. C.

"In the rural districts, where the suburbanite or farmer is able to raise his own feed stuffs, hay, oats, roots, etc., the only monetary outlay required is that of his initial investment in stock and occasional renewal of his stud. In the words of our English premiers, 'The pleasure to be derived, the elevating and toning influences and the antidote to a busy, pushing life—rest and change to the mind'—in raising Belgian Hares far surpasses the small amount of labor required in their upkeep.

"A good start should be made if success is to be attained. A good buck and three or four healthy brood does should be procured from some reliable breeder at a nominal cost. These, if properly fed and carefully managed, could be made to produce three or four litters each year. While a doe can have as high as twelve young in a single litter, it will be found to pay best if the weakly ones are killed at birth and the litters kept down to four or five. It is far better to have four or five strong youngsters than seven or eight that are stunted in growth because of insufficient nourishment. If a start be made with, say, three does and one buck and these with ordinary luck, produce three litters each year, with an average of four youngsters in each litter, there would be thirty-six youngsters on hand at the end of each year, bred from the original does. At the end of the first six months six out of the minimum of twelve youngsters raised out of the first litter of the three does may be bred, and again on the ninth month, yielding the very conservative number of forty-eight additional youngsters. This would give us at least eighty-four salable youngsters at the end of the year, or approximately 500 pounds of delicious meat.

#### STEADY MARKET FOR THEM.

"It is not an uncommon occurrence for Belgian winnings at our large shows to bring as high as \$25, and very frequently \$25 for a pair of good winning youngsters. There is always a market for good hares and it costs no more to raise good ones than culls.

"Taking the first year's results of youngsters, which, as the very minimum we will state to be eighty-four, at \$2.00 each, the gross sales would amount to \$168.00. Against this may be charged \$1.20 for interest on the original capital invested, say \$15.00 for three does and a buck of breeding age, and, if one cannot raise his own hay, oats and roots, \$25 for feed, making the aggregate cost \$26.20, leaving \$141.80.

"I have drawn a picture which to even the most pessimistic will prove to be a possibility, for I might go so far as to say that there are many, many Belgian breeders who realize twice that sum for a like initial outlay. I have raised 180 youngsters from five does and their progeny in a single year, which netted me nearly 800 pounds of the best meat procurable. A hare averages about four pounds at four months if fed regularly and liberally.

"Aside from the fancier's standpoint, consider the thousands of farmers who could enjoy the rarest of meat, far more palatable and nutritious than any other meat obtainable, and that all the year round, free of any cost save their labor of a few minutes per hare per day. A small outbuilding or barn may be suitably adapted for the raising of Belgians, for each doe requires but nine square feet of hutch room in which to raise her youngsters.

"This should furnish meat for thought, and while not every working man can afford \$15 to start with, three does and a buck, there are a number of men who are today spending many, many times that amount in the course of a year for tobacco, liquor and other senseless luxuries which yield them no profit and consequently no material benefit. Consider what a good training such a baby enterprise would be for the farmer's son or daughter; not only business training, but the lessons in morality that would be taught and the moral development attained by keeping them within the home influence and in a virtuous atmosphere."

**Prices:** Young stock, 2 to 3 months old, \$2.50 per pair; Old Mammies, ready bred, \$5.00 each; Fine Bred Bucks, \$3.00 each; Youngsters, just weaned, \$1.50 per pair.

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